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Senate

The Senate met at 8:31 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, You have taught us that yesterday is already a memory and tomorrow is only a vision, but today well-lived makes every yesterday an affirmation of Your grace and every tomorrow an expectation of Your blessing. Make our life an accumulation of grace-filled days. We've learned that we can't do much with our yesterdays, and worry over tomorrow is futile. Living today is so crucial. We want to be faithful and obedient to You today. We know that anything is possible if we take it in day-sized bites. The dynamic person You want us to be, the issues we want to confront, the people we want to bless, the projects we want to start—all can be done by Your grace today.

Bless the Senators. Enable them to enjoy the sheer delight of glorifying You by serving this Nation. May they live Andrew Murray's motto: "To be thankful for what I have received and for what the Lord has prepared is the surest way to receive more." Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable CONRAD BURNS, a Senator from the State of Montana, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator DOMENICI is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I have the following statement:

Today, by a previous order, the Senate will begin 30 minutes of debate for closing remarks with respect to the Bingaman amendment regarding education and the Hutchison amendment regarding the marriage tax penalty. Two back-to-back votes will then occur at approximately 9 a.m.

Following those votes, any additional amendments will be limited to 2 minutes of debate. Therefore, numerous votes will occur in a stacked sequence, and Senators are asked to remain in the Chamber in order to conclude the voting process as early as possible during today's session of the Senate.

I thank my colleagues for their attention and their cooperation.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANTORUM). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

TAXPAYER REFUND ACT OF 1999

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 1429, which the clerk will report.

The legislative assistant read as follows:

A bill (S. 1429) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000.

Pending:

Bingaman amendment No. 1462, to express the sense of the Senate regarding investment in education.

Hutchison modified amendment No. 1472, to provide for the relief of the marriage tax penalty beginning in the year 2001.

Roth (for Grassley) amendment No. 1388, making technical corrections to the Saver Act.

Roth (for Abraham) amendment No. 1411, to provide that no Federal income tax shall

be imposed on amounts received, and lands recovered, by Holocaust victims for their heirs.

Roth (for Sessions) amendment No. 1412, to provide for the Collegiate Learning and Students Savings (CLASS) Act title.

Roth (for Collins/Coverdell) modified amendment No. 1446, to eliminate the 2-percent floor on miscellaneous itemized deductions for qualified professional development and incidental expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers.

Roth (for Abraham) amendment No. 1455, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the deduction for computer donations to schools and to allow a tax credit for donated computers.

AMENDMENT NO. 1462

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be 15 minutes equally divided with respect to the Bingaman amendment No. 1462.

Who yields time?

Mr. BINGAMAN addressed the Chair. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. BINGAMAN. How much time is allotted to me?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has 7 minutes 30 seconds.

Mr. BINGAMAN. I yield myself 4 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is recognized for 4 minutes.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, the amendment I presented yesterday and that we are going to vote on first this morning is a simple statement that we should reduce the size of the tax cut that is proposed by \$132 billion so that we will have funds available to maintain the current level of effort in support of education. It, I grant you, is a sense-of-the-Senate resolution. It does not ensure that the money is spent there, but to my mind it at least reserves those funds so we can maintain the current level of effort in support of education. In other words, I believe we should be on record for funding education at least at current levels before we settle on the size of the tax cut that we can afford.

Some might ask why am I singling out education. Well, S. 1429 is more

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